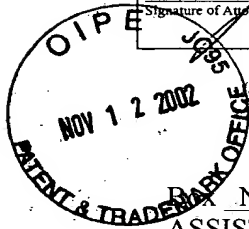


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7275

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Mort, III et al. Confirmation No. 7249  
Serial No.: 09/786,936 Group Art Unit: 1751  
Date Filed: March 12, 2001 Examiner: Douyon, Lorna M  
Title: Continuous Process For Making A Detergent Composition

1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$270 =	\$0
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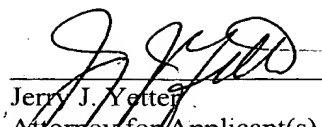
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- 3- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated 8/7/2002 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$0 for a 0-month extension of time.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
  - a. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
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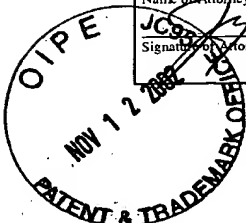
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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 8/7/2002, please amend the captioned application and consider the following remarks in support of patentability.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claim 5.

Please amend the claims, as follows:

1 (amended) A continuous process for preparing a granular detergent agglomerate having a density of at least about 500 g/l, comprising the steps of:

- (a) in a first step, dispersing and mixing a liquid acid precursor of an anionic surfactant with a solid particulate water-soluble alkaline material in a high speed mixer for a mean residence time of about 0.2 to about 50 seconds, wherein the acid precursor is partly or totally neutralized, thereby forming a dry neutralized material comprising a salt of the anionic surfactant precursor in the form of a free-flowing powder; and
- (b) in a second step, dispersing and mixing an agglomeration binder with the free-flowing powder in the mixing zone of a moderate speed mixer, said agglomeration binder being dispersed in the mixing zone as discrete mass units having an average equivalent diameter of from about 0.5 to about

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